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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (previously amended): A composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic agent, and a polymeric wax comprising the reaction product of a polybasic acid or derivative thereof and a monoglyceride, said monoglyceride selected from the group consisting of monostearoyl glycerol, monopalmitoyl glycerol, monomyristoyl glycerol, monocaproyl glycerol, monodecanoyl, monolauroyl glycerol, monolinoleoyl glycerol and monooleoyl glycerol, said polymeric wax comprising an aliphatic polyester backbone having monoglyceride groups pending therefrom and having a melting point less than about 70°C, as determined by differential scanning calorimetry.

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (original): The composition of claim 32 wherein said polybasic acid or derivative thereof is selected from the group consisting of succinic acid, succinic anhydride, malic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, diglycolic acid, diglycolic anhydride, glutaric acid, glutaric anhydride, adipic acid, pimelic acid, suberic acid, sebacic acid and derivatives thereof.

Claim 35 (canceled)

Claim 36 (previously amended): The composition of claim 34 wherein said polybasic acid derivative is succinic anhydride.

Claim 37 (previously amended): The composition of claim 34 wherein said polybasic acid is succinic acid.

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Claim 38 (original): The composition of claim 32 wherein said polymeric wax has a number average molecular weight between about 1,000 g/mole and about 100,000 g/mole, as measured by gel permeation chromatography using polystyrene standards.

Claim 39-41 (canceled)

Claim 42 (previously amended): The composition of claim 59 wherein said polymeric wax copolymer comprises the reaction product of said polybasic acid or derivative thereof, and at least two monoglycerides selected from the group consisting of monostearoyl glycerol, monopalmitoyl glycerol, monomyristoyl glycerol, monocaproyl glycerol, monodecanoyl glycerol, monolauroyl glycerol, monolinoleoyl glycerol and monooleoyl glycerol.

Claim 43 (previously amended): The composition of claim 59 wherein said polymeric wax copolymer comprises the reaction product of said polybasic acid or derivative thereof, a monoglyceride selected from the group consisting of monostearoyl glycerol, monopalmitoyl glycerol, monomyristoyl glycerol, monocaproyl glycerol, monodecanoyl glycerol, monolauroyl glycerol, monolinoleoyl glycerol and monooleoyl glycerol, and at least one additional polyol selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, 1,2-propylene glycol, 1,3-propanediol, bis-2-hydroxyethyl ether, 1,4-butanediol, 1,5-pentanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,8-octanediol, 1,10-decanediol, 1, 12-dodecanediol, linear poly(ethylene glycol), branched poly(ethylene glycol), linear poly(propylene glycol), branched poly(propylene glycol), linear poly(ethylene-co-propylene glycol)s and branched poly(ethylene-co-propylene glycol)s.

Claim 44-47 (canceled)

Claim 48 (original): The composition of claim 32 further comprising an aliphatic polyester prepared from the group of monomers consisting of glycolide, L-lactide, D-lactide, meso-lactide, rac-lactide, ϵ -caprolactone, trimethylene carbonate, p-

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dioxanone, 1,4-dioxanone, 1,4-dioxepan-2-one, 1,5-dioxepan-2-one and substituted derivatives thereof.

Claim 49-56 (canceled)

Claim 57 (original): The composition of claim 32 wherein said polymeric wax has a melting point between about 25°C and about 70°C.

Claim 58 (canceled)

Claim 59 (previously presented): A composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic agent, and a polymeric wax copolymer comprising the reaction product of a fatty acid, a polyol, and at least two polybasic acids or derivatives thereof selected from the group consisting of succinic acid, succinic anhydride, malic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, diglycolic acid and diglycolic anhydride, said polymeric wax copolymer comprising an aliphatic polyester backbone having fatty acid ester groups pending therefrom and having a melting point less than about 70°C, as determined by differential scanning calorimetry.

Claim 60 (previously presented): A composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of risperidone, and a polymeric wax comprising the reaction product of a polybasic acid or derivative thereof, a fatty acid and a polyol, said polymeric wax comprising an aliphatic polyester backbone having fatty acid ester groups pending therefrom and having a melting point less than about 70°C, as determined by differential scanning calorimetry.

Claim 61 (previously presented): A composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic agent, and a polymeric wax comprising the reaction product of a polybasic acid or derivative thereof, a fatty acid and a polyol, said polymeric wax comprising an aliphatic polyester backbone having fatty acid ester groups pending therefrom and having a melting point between about 25°C and about 70°C, as determined by differential scanning calorimetry.